

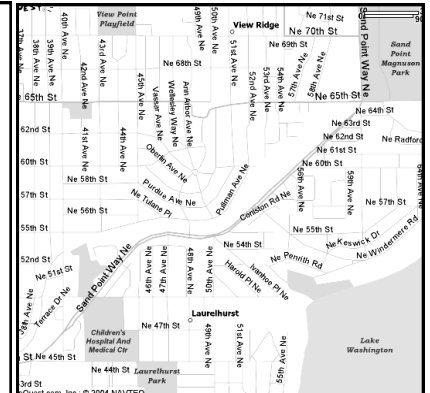
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Hawthorne Hills Community Council General Meeting

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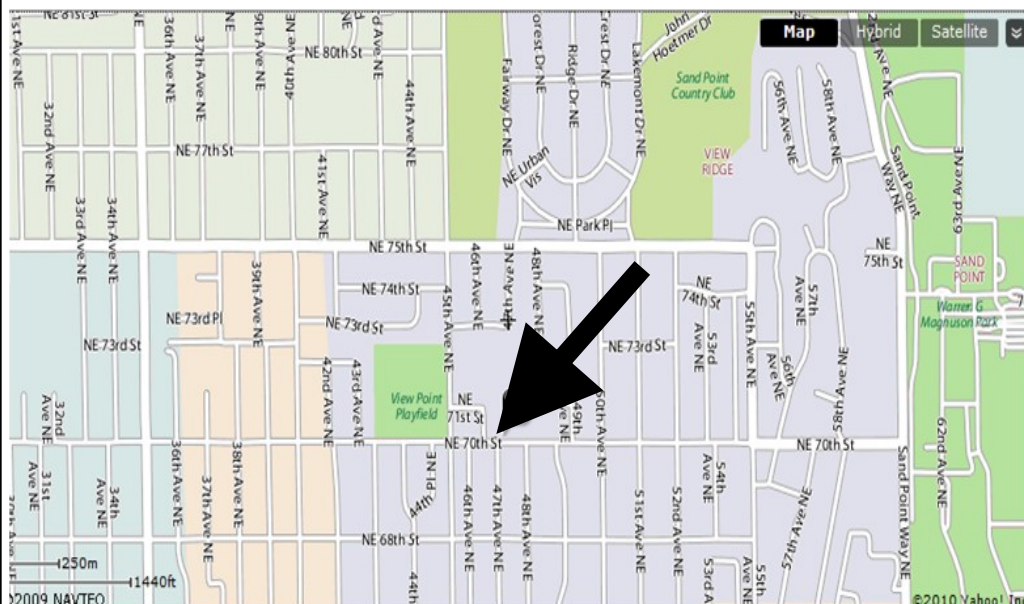
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ALL WELCOME!

Agenda Items

- Welcome
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers & Trustees
- Windermere Combined Sewer Overflow Placement, Speaker: Thomas Fawthrop, Seattle Public Utilities Project Manager
- 45th Street Viaduct Replacement/Closure, Speaker: TBD, Seattle Department of Transportation
- General Discussion

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**Orange You Glad
The Flags Are Out?**



It was brought to our attention right before the start of the school year that some cross streets to access our public schools were at times very busy to cross. Your community council took it upon themselves to order, pay for and install the bright orange flags to better assist

you and your little ones on your walks to school. If you have any problem streets that you think cross walks flags would be useful at please e-mail me at hawthornehillscs@hotmail.com.

Ryan Rockwell, HHCC President

Photo taken at 65th & Ann Arbor

Also, check our website for more photos, past issues of the Holler, and more at www.seattle.gov/hawthornehills

Guidelines for submitting an article to the Hawthorne Holler

- We welcome all submissions
- Topics should be related to the Hawthorne Hills and surrounding communities
- Word length should be no more than 900 (between 500 & 600 is ideal)
- Supporting photos/images are encouraged
- Deadline dates for submission are February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st
- Early submissions are more likely to be published
- Submissions are accepted in Microsoft Word
- Submissions must be in final format
- Submissions may be edited by the editorial staff due to size limitations
- Please contact the editor with questions (hawthornehillscs@hotmail.com)

**Meet Your
Council
Vice President**

Shelley Hartnett



Shelley Hartnett, Vice President of the Hawthorne Hill Community Council and previously Secretary for six years, has lived in Hawthorne Hills for twenty-six years with her husband, David.

She attended school in Colorado and is a graduate of the University of Washington.

You may see her participating in the alumni sponsored Dawg Dash or running to catch the next bus to the University of Washington Medical Center where she has been a Nuclear Medicine Technologist for the last two decades. She has represented Nuclear Medicine Technologists nationally as President of the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section.

Shelley has supported Block Night Out as Block Watch Captain for ten years. She was a member of the Children's Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Major Institutional Master Plan. Her favorite activities include attending performances at Meany Hall, viewing local art scenes and theater, and leading rides with the Cascade Bicycle Club.

Each newsletter features a brief bio of an officer or trustee of the Hawthorne Hills Board.

The Hawthorne Hills Community Council (HHCC) is a voluntary non-profit group of 12 Trustees and 5 Officers that serves to promote the welfare of our neighborhood. One of our most vital purposes is to represent our neighborhood before city, county and private entities to ensure our interests are heard and our concerns taken into account in civic planning matters. Through meetings (4/yr), a newsletter (4/yr), and website www.seattle.gov/hawthornehills we strive to inform our neighborhood of issues that can affect our properties and community. Dues to support the work of the HHCC are \$25.00 per household per year (\$15.00 a year for retired, senior citizens or student households). All Trustees and Officers of the HHCC serve without compensation. Checks should be sent to the HHCC Treasurer (see below) or paid on-line via our website. To see if your dues are current, contact Marsha Donaldson via email, hawthornehillscs@hotmail.com.

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Seattle Department of Transportation NE 45th Street Viaduct Project - West Approach Replacement

Project Description

The NE 45th Street Viaduct is a major thoroughfare in Northeast Seattle. It connects I-5 and the University District to the Northeast Seattle neighborhoods, the University Village, the University of Washington's Husky Stadium, Seattle Children's Hospital, and businesses along Sand Point Way NE.

The 1,480-foot viaduct was originally constructed in 1938 and portions of the existing structure are nearly 70 years old. The viaduct has had several retrofits and partial reconstructions throughout its lifetime; first in the late 1960's and more recently in 2002.

The NE 45th Street Viaduct's existing west approach is nearing the end of its structural life and needs to be replaced to maintain a safe and efficient travel corridor for vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles. This project will replace the 468-foot west approach and evaluate the east approach and main span for seismic retrofit needs, minimizing the need for long-term maintenance and short-term fixes. The project is part of the City of Seattle's Bridging the Gap program, and will cost roughly \$30 million.

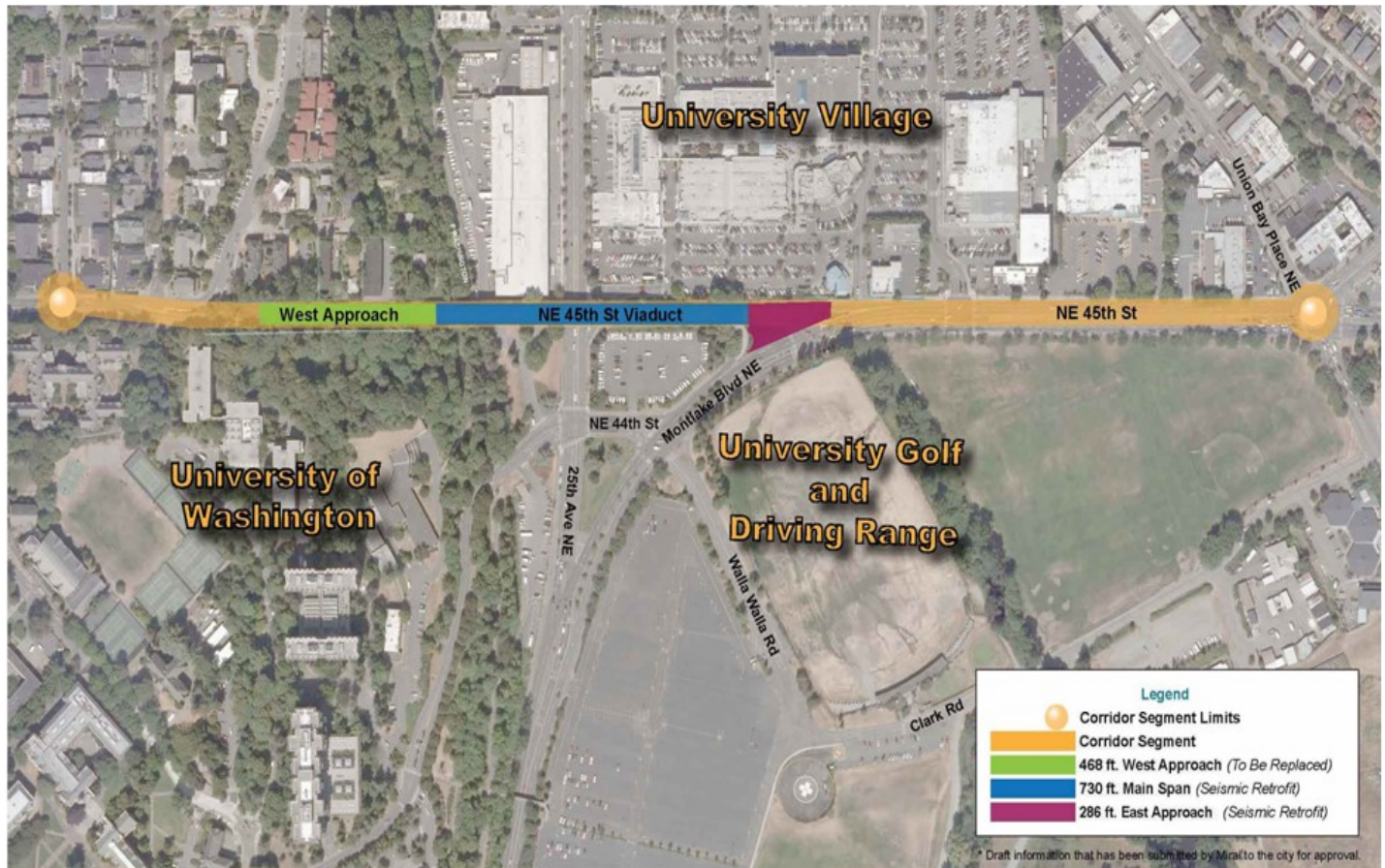
Project Update/Construction Update as of February 17, 2010

After gathering input from the local community, SDOT has decided to move forward with a full-closure construction phasing option for the viaduct replacement to allow for a shorter construction timeline and a reduced length of time needed to detour drivers and pedestrians around the construction area.

Construction is planned to begin in June 2010 and last up to four months.

New update on-line at www.seattle.gov/Transportation/45th-bridge.htm

Project Area Map



Learn more at the Hawthorne Hills Community Council General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Wednesday, April 21st, 2010, and at www.seattle.gov/Transportation/45th-bridge.htm

Friends of the Burke Gilman Trail at Sand Point

Update

By Margaret Thouless

In the last Hawthorne Holler we reported that 750 trees and shrubs were planted by 129 people on Green Seattle Day. These plants were a combination of a Green Seattle donation of 100 sword fern and various donations which had been cared for over the summer. There was also a purchase of plants with the cash match for the King County grant for the "Greening of the Burke Gilman Trail at Sand Point." The first cash from the grant arrived in the last week of December. We spent nearly \$3,000 on 1,550 plants. Half of these trees and shrubs were planted on both sides of the trail, near Metropolitan Market, by 59 volunteers on Martin Luther King Day. The other half was planted on the northwest side of the trail, south of NE 65th St, by smaller work parties. The planting from 40th Ave NE to NE 65th St is nearly finished. We still have \$1,700 available from the King County grant to complete the planting next winter.

Green Seattle Cascade Alliance contracted with Frank Madusa to have the northwest side of the trail from 40th Ave NE to NE 65th St cleared, maintained for 3 years and the steep banks planted by his crew. The clearing happened in late summer and the planting in November.

The clearing done by volunteers on the lake side of the trail is almost complete. There are only a few hundred yards south of the Princeton Bridge to be done. Green Seattle is currently negotiating a contract for watering the northwest side of the trail between 40th Ave NE and NE 65th St. Maintaining the lake side by removing reemerging invasive plants and watering is a community volunteer project, which we hope many of you will join.

The project has aroused a lot of interest. We frequently get compliments and offers to help from passersby. The complaints about the loss of blackberries to pick are much less common than the compliments. However in one area both grand fir and shore pine, which were planted two years ago, have been deliberately cut down. If anyone sees tree cutting along the trail please phone the Urban Forestry Desk at the Parks Department, 206-684-4113. They will report the matter to the police.

Fire Station #38

Update

By Bonnie Miller



January 20th was a big day in the construction of the new Fire Station 38! The footings were poured for the single house that will house Engine 38 of Battalion 6 of the Seattle Fire Department and four firefighters. (Note: No Medic One is planned to be located in the Hawthorne Hills Station. The closest Medic Unit is Medic 16, which responds out of Fire Station #16 in Green Lake.)

Next obvious construction we will see as we pass the site will be the foundation walls. According to Steve Erickson, Superintendent of the construction company building the fire station, construction is on schedule and coming soon is the slab pour to be followed by block walls, wood framing and then the roof! Construction at Fire Station 38 is expected to be completed in November 2010.

Underground Electrical Upgrades

By Margaret Thouless

The power lines in parts of View Ridge and Hawthorne Hills were buried in the 1960s. Thirty years ago there were fewer power outages here than in areas where trees fell on the power lines. Recently many Hawthorne Hills residents have had quite frequent power outages. Some of the houses affected have overhead power lines, which are fed from buried cables in View Ridge.

A letter from Seattle City Light, dated January 12, 2010, explains the work that began in View Ridge in January. A special silicone fluid will be injected along the wires in an attempt to repair the cracked insulation. Any cable which cannot be rehabilitated will be marked for future replacement. It is hoped that this procedure will extend the life of the underground cables by 20 years, and put off the major expense of total replacement of the system. The general area affected by this work is bordered by NE 55th St. and NE 75th St., from 48th Ave NE to Sand Point Way NE. Work will be done Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. When Seattle City Light anticipates that a particular house will have a power outage, they will hang a notice on the door-knob several days in advance.

The project is expected to take 6 to 8 weeks and to be done one street at a time. The project was described at a View Ridge Community Council meeting on October 20. Parts of Hawthorne Hills will get power outages as a result of this electrical upgrade work. It is to be hoped that repairing the View Ridge underground cable will reduce the number of Hawthorne Hills' power outages.

**HAWTHORNE HILLS
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**

November & December 2009 *
(none reported for October)

11/20 5700blk 40th Ave NE the resident was away from home all day, when he returned he saw that his front door was open and a basement window had been broken, a flat screen TV, a laptop case and electronic games were stolen.

11/25 4300blk NE 58th the residents were away all day, when they returned they discovered their back door was open and a ground level window was broken with a rock, a flat screen TV and a computer were stolen.

12/11 4900blk Purdue Ave NE the resident reports that sometime during the last week someone rummaged through her unlocked garage.

12/29 6200blk 45th NE the residents came home in the early evening and entered the house through the attached garage, there is a door in the lower living area that leads to the back yard and as they made entry the door was kicked open and a man was standing in the doorway, the man turned and ran, the resident could not give a description as the room was dark.

*** unofficial stats provided by Diane Horswill,
North Precinct Crime Prevention Coordinator
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February 16, 2010

Dear Hawthorne Hills Community Council:

As many of you already know, Captain Mike Washburn has left the North Precinct to be the Commander of the Seattle Police Department's Violent Crimes Section.

I have the extreme honor of being selected as the North Precinct Commander. As the new Precinct Commander, I want to send out a short note introducing myself.

I have been with the Seattle Police Department for 29 years. I have worked every Bureau in the Seattle Police Department. I worked as a Detective on the Green River Task Force, Sex Crimes Unit, Personnel, and Burglary and Theft. As a Sergeant I was assigned to the Internal Investigations Unit, Patrol and the Community Police Team at the East Precinct. My most recent assignments as a Lieutenant were as Field Training Commander, SWAT Commander, Watch Commander at North and South Precincts, Motorcycle Commander, and for the past year as the Operations Lieutenant here at the North Precinct.

Throughout my career I have worked closely with neighborhood groups, public and private agencies and community councils. I strongly believe in and value the partnerships with neighborhood residents, business owners and law enforcement to achieve extra-ordinary results. I look forward to this type of work in the North Precinct.

In my short time at the North Precinct, I have been very impressed with the involvement of the community and with how productive and motivated officers and supervisors are. I see my job as ensuring that the men and women of the North Precinct get what they need to continue to perform at a high level in their service to you, the community.

Although I already know many of you, if any of you would like to meet with me in my new role as Precinct Captain or need any assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Captain Robin Clark

North Precinct Commander

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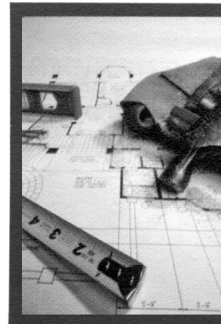
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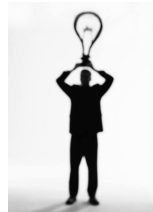
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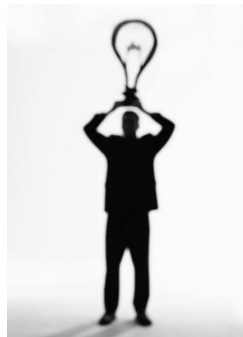
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Sand Point Community Church, 4710 NE 70th St.
- Hawthorne Holler Summer Issue
Submission Deadline, 5/1/10
- Hawthorne Hills Community Council Meeting,
Wednesday, 6/16/10, 7:30 pm, 1st Fl. Conference
Room, Bldg. 30, Magnuson Park
- July 4th Parade - details in Summer Holler
- Summer Circle Clean-Up - details in Summer Holler
- Hawthorne Hills Community Council Meeting,
Wednesday, 9/16/10, 7:30 pm, 1st Fl. Conference
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